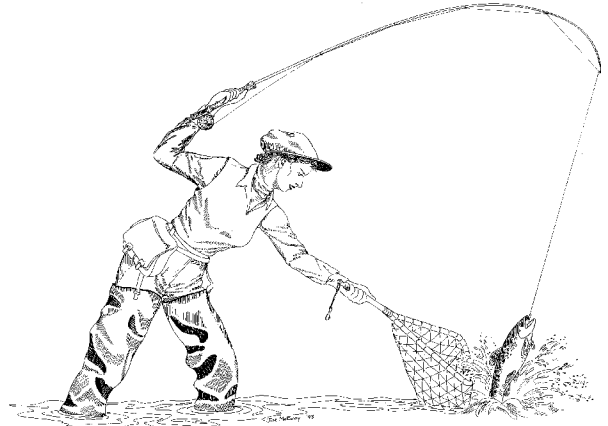


# Fishing Villages

Fish have been the lifeblood of towns and villages for ages. Millions of people like to catch and eat fish while others earn their living by selling tackle and other services to anglers.



What evidence links fishing to Wisconsin's past?

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How does angling contribute to local economies?

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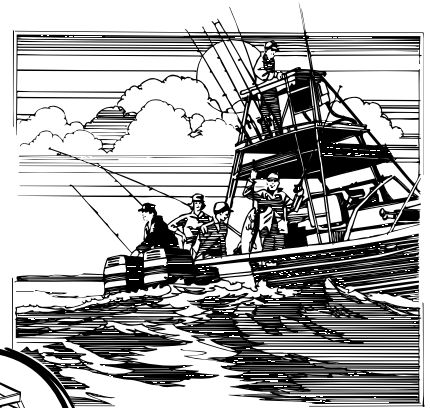
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**All tackle  
on Sale!**



How many businesses and jobs can you list that are supported by a healthy fishery?

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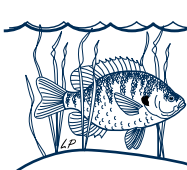
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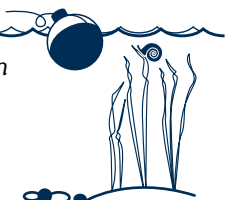
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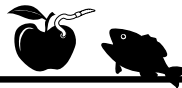
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Wow! Fishing lures a lot of money into Wisconsin. Anglers support more than 30,000 jobs and spend over a billion dollars every year! For current numbers see the American Sportfishing Association website, [www.asafishing.org](http://www.asafishing.org).



# **Fishing Villages - Teacher's notes**



## **Objective**

Describe the historical and cultural significance of fishing in Wisconsin.

## **Life Skill**

Inquiry

## **WI Academic Standards**

Social Studies: A.4.4, 8.4,  
B.4.1, 8.1.

Environmental Education: B .4.5, 4.11, \* 8.9,  
\*8.10.

## **Hands On**

Have anglers construct models of pre-settlement fishing scenes or post-European settlement fishing villages. Discuss how fishing methods have changed and the cultural significance of fishing in Wisconsin through the ages.

## **Inquiry**

Interview anglers, merchants and innkeepers in their community about what fishing means to them and how it has changed. Have the changes been for the better or worse? Encourage them to extend their inquiry via letter, telephone or e-mail to different communities.

## **Materials**

Art materials if done during the session

Telephone book

Tourism guide booklets.

## **Duration**

20-30 minutes for introduction. Extended periods for research and model construction.

## **Web Connection**

State Historical Society of Wisconsin,  
[www.shsw.wisc.edu](http://www.shsw.wisc.edu).

Wisconsin Department of Tourism,  
[www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com)  
800/432-8747.

